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# TILLERSON SUPPORTS SANCTIONS FOR NOW

Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, said he favored maintaining current U.S. sanctions against Russia for now and that NATO allies were right to be alarmed by Moscow's aggression. But Tillerson's support for a more assertive policy toward Russia than Trump has espoused was tempered by his refusal to commit to support maintaining President Barack Obama's executive order authorizing additional sanctions against Moscow because of its interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Tillerson refused to call President Vladimir Putin a war criminal and kept the door open to a possible change in sanctions against Russia, saying he had not seen classified information on Russian meddling. REUTERS

# US BLACKLISTS NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS

2 The Treasury Department has added seven senior North Korean officials to its sanctions list because of human rights abuses and censorship by the communist nation. The department said that its Office of Foreign Assets Control added six men and one woman, all officials of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or the ruling Workers' Party of Korea, along with the Ministry of Labor and the State Planning Commission, to the Specially Designated Nationals List. "The North Korean regime not only engages in severe human rights abuses, but it also implements rigid censorship policies and conceals its inhumane and oppressive behavior," acting OFAC Director John Smith said in the statement, adding that the move aimed to expose the individuals responsible for the abuses. REUTERS

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# FACEBOOK TO IMPROVE TIES WITH NEWS MEDIA

3 Facebook Inc. launched its "Journalism Project" on Wednesday, as the world's biggest social media network looks to deepen its relationship with news organizations. The launch comes less than a week after the company said it was hiring former CNN reporter, anchor and host Campbell Brown to lead its news partnerships team. As part of the new project, Facebook said on Wednesday it would focus on improving its current storytelling formats such as Live, 360, and Instant Articles. Facebook said it would test a feature using Instant Articles to allow readers to see multiple stories at a time, as a package, from their preferred news organizations. REUTERS

# VW AGREES TO $4.3B US DIESEL SETTLEMENT

4 Volkswagen AG has agreed to a $4.3 billion settlement to resolve the U.S. government's civil and criminal investigations into the German automaker's diesel emissions cheating, according to documents made public Wednesday. Prosecutors also charged six Volkswagen executives and employees, for their roles in the nearly 10-year conspiracy, including Oliver Schmidt, who was a manager in charge of VW's environmental and engineering office in Michigan. On Monday, Schmidt was accused of conspiracy to defraud the United States over the company's emissions cheating and the automaker was charged with concealing the cheating from regulators. According to documents filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit, VW will pay a $1.5 billion civil fine and $2.8 billion criminal fine. REUTERS

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President-elect Donald Trump speaks at a news cenference at Trump Tower in NYC. GETTY IMAGES

# Trump rejects 'fake news' of leaked intelligence memo

The memo claims that Russian officials possess sex tapes of Trump.

President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday angrily denounced unsubstantiated claims he had been caught in a compromising position in Russia and attacked U.S. intelligence agencies over the leak of the information.

"I think it was disgraceful, disgraceful that the intelligence agencies allowed any information that turned out to be so false and fake out there," Trump told a chaotic news conference only days before he takes office.

Trump called the dossier that makes salacious claims about him "fake news" and "phony stuff." "I think it's a disgrace. ... That's something that Nazi Germany would have done," he said.

Trump acknowledged for the first time that Russia likely hacked the Democratic National Committee and the emails of other top Democrats during the 2016 presidential election. "I think it was Russia," he said.

But the New York businessman said other countries were also hacking the U.S. and defended his goal of better ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"If Putin likes Donald Trump, I consider that an asset, not a liability," Trump told about 250 reporters jammed into the lobby at his New York offices.

Asked whether he had a message for Putin about hacking, Trump said many countries were hacking the United States and added that he thought Moscow would have greater respect for his administration.

"He shouldn't be doing it. He won't be doing it," Trump said.

The president-elect has long said he hopes to improve ties with Moscow but his plans have come under intense scrutiny after U.S. intelligence agencies concluded that Russia used cyberattacks and other tactics to try to tilt the election in his favor over Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

Trump initially disparaged their conclusion that a Russian government hacking campaign was aimed at boosting his candidacy.

The Russia dossier that emerged late on Tuesday was first reported by CNN. BuzzFeed published the full document.

Two U.S. officials said the allegations, which one called "unsubstantiated," were contained in a two-page memo appended to a report on Russian interference in the 2016 election that was presented last week to Trump and to Obama. The memo also claims that Russian officials possessed sex tapes of Trump that could be used to blackmail him.

In the news conference, Trump declined to answer whether anyone connected to him or his campaign had contact with Moscow during the presidential campaign.

The event was a free-wheeling affair, with Trump aides cheering from the sidelines at one point and the president-elect angrily refusing to take questions from a CNN reporter.

During the news conference in the lobby of Trump Tower, the president-elect described how he will separate himself from his global business operations to avoid conflicts of interest once he takes office.

He also talked about how he plans to bring manufacturing jobs back from overseas. REUTERS

*"I said that I will be the greatest jobs producer that God ever created. And I mean that, I really ... I'm going to work very hard on that."*
*(On job creation)*

*"You are fake news."*
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*"The 20th is going to be something that will be very, very special; very beautiful. And I think we're going to have massive crowds because we have a movement."*
*(On the inauguration)*

*"We could make deals in Russia very easily if we wanted to."*

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**Trump says he'll let sons run his businesses**

President-elect Donald Trump said on Wednesday he would maintain ownership of his global business empire but hand off control to his two oldest sons while president, an arrangement that watchdogs said would not prevent conflicts of interest in the White House.

Trump told a news conference he would resign from all positions overseeing his hotels, golf courses and hundreds of other businesses and move his assets into a trust to help ensure that he will not consciously take actions as president that would benefit him personally.

Trump is under pressure to distance himself from his businesses before he moves into the White House on Jan. 20. Unlike other government officials, the president is not required by law to steer clear of conflicts of interest.

"I could actually run my business and run government at the same time. I don't like the way that looks, but I would be able to do that if I wanted to," Trump said.

Ethics experts said the arrangement did not go far enough.

"Mr. Trump's ill-advised course will precipitate scandal and corruption," said Norman Eisen, a former White House ethics adviser under Democratic President Barack Obama.

Walter Shaub, director of the Office of Government Ethics, said on Wednesday in a speech at a Washington think tank that his office recommends Trump "divest his conflicting assets."

Trump appears to be still involved with his business while preparing to take office, saying he had turned down a $2 billion development deal in Dubai he had been offered over the weekend. REUTERS

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Philadelphia police are searching for two men involved in the beating of a 60-year-old employee during a confrontation that started as a dispute over the price of a sandwich, authorities said.

Investigators on Wednesday released video of the Jan. 4 incident that shows the two suspects arguing through the security glass at Daylight Deli, on 70th Street and Elmwood Avenue in Southwest Philly.

One of the men can be seen holding up a bottle of liquid and squirting it at the worker through holes in the glass.

A moment later, the victim can be seen rushing out from behind the glass with both hands up as if to push that suspect out the door. A police report stated she had "asked them to leave the store."

In response, the suspect who squirted the liquid punched then shoved the woman down. When she stood up, the surveillance footage showed the same suspect punching her repeatedly before his companion, who was watching, tapped him on the shoulder. Both men then fled.

The victim "sustained bruising and swelling to the left side of her face as a result of this incident," police said.

The suspects are described as in their 20s, one with a mustache and goatee, the other with braids in his hair.

Anyone with any information should call police at 215-686-TIPS or text a tip to PPDTIP (773847).

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Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton GETTY IMAGES

# Report: Clinton has unpaid security bills

Trump and Sanders have similar fiscal obligations in other cities.

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Hillary Clinton spent plenty of time in Philadelphia in her pursuit of the White House last year. She rallied with celebrities, including Jon Bon Jovi and Katy Perry, and commanded the Democratic National Convention stage in July.

Despite the love Philly showed for Clinton, city officials aren't as pleased with her campaign, which has stiffed them on security bills totaling more than $2,678.

The debt is related to police protection at an April 25 rally in the courtyard of City Hall.

Philadelphia officials, for one, sent the Clinton campaign an invoice for security surrounding the rally. Attempts by the city to collects the debt have gone unanswered, officials say.

It's not just Philadelphia, either. Nor Clinton.

More than 30 municipalities around the country are owed hundreds of thousands of dollars in outstanding bills stemming from police and other security protection for campaign events for President-elect Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders and Clinton.

That's according to a report released Wednesday by the Center for Public Integrity, which analyzed campaign disclosures and municipal invoices, and interviewed dozens of city officials.

Clinton owes more than $25,000 to three cities in Wisconsin, according to the report. Trump owes nearly 10 times that amount: $204,000.

Philadelphia officials have already attempted to follow-up on the sum with a debt collection letter. Their next step is a "final collection letter."

If that fails, the city's legal department will take up the issue "for collective action at the appropriate time," said Ajeenah S. Amir, a representative for Mayor Jim Kenney.

It's unclear if any other bills are owed to the city; Clinton's $2,678 debt was the only one mentioned in the report.

According to the center, campaign debts to municipalities are difficult to settle. Neither Trump nor Clinton lists these debts in their federal campaign financial disclosures; Sanders' campaign, by comparison, reports in campaign documents that it owes $449,409 to more than 20 police departments for security at events.

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# Official: US deploys high-tech radar amid heightened N. Korea rhetoric

This image shows the SBX radar docked at Pearl Harbor, its de facto home base on Jan. 20, 2013, in Honolulu, Hawaii. GETTY IMAGES

Earlier this month, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said that the isolated, nuclear-capable country was close to test-launching an intercontinental ballistic missile.

A high-tech sea-based U.S. military radar has left Hawaii to monitor for potential North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile test launches, a U.S. defense official said on Wednesday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the radar, known as the Sea-based X-band radar (SBX), left on Monday and would reach its destination, about 2,000 miles northwest of Hawaii, toward the end of January.

The radar is able to track ICBMs and differentiate between hostile missiles and those that are not a threat.

On Tuesday, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the U.S. military might monitor a North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile test and gather intelligence rather than destroy it, as long as the launch did not pose a threat.

"If the missile is threatening, it will be intercepted. If it's not threatening, we won't necessarily do so," Carter said,

"Because it may be more to our advantage to, first of all, save our interceptor inventory, and, second, to gather intelligence from the flight, rather than do that [intercept the ICBM] when it's not threatening."

Carter's remarks came just over a week after U.S. President-elect Donald Trump vowed that North Korea would never fulfill its threat to test an ICBM. Trump said in a Jan. 2 tweet: "It won't happen!"

"The SBX's current deployment is not based on any credible threat; however, we cannot discuss specifics for this particular mission while it is underway," Commander Gary Ross, a Pentagon spokesman, said. REUTERS

## BRIEF

**New Jersey's Monmouth University to host Bruce Springsteen archive**

A university in U.S. rock icon Bruce Springsteen's home state of New Jersey will be home to a collection of decades' worth of works and memorabilia from his Grammy Award-winning career, a school spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

Monmouth University will establish the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music at its campus in the borough of West Long Branch, just miles from Asbury Park where he forged his career. The archive will include all of the "Born to Run" singer's recorded works as well as posters, photos, articles and other artifacts.

The center "will preserve and promote the legacy of Bruce Springsteen and his role in American music," the university said in a statement. It will also highlight the work of other American musicians, including Woody Guthrie, Frank Sinatra and Robert Johnson.

It will include a collection housed at Monmouth University since 2011, and will continue to accept works and memorabilia from Springsteen, fans and other donors, school spokeswoman Tara Peters said.

The archives will be available for viewing by the public by appointment only at Monmouth, which is one of nine university affiliates of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, Peters said.

Springsteen, 67, who rose from playing in the gritty clubs of the Jersey Shore to international superstardom, has long maintained a home in, and close ties to, his Garden State roots.

When the New Jersey coastline was battered by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Springsteen, along with fellow New Jersey native Jon Bon Jovi, headlined a concert to benefit victims of the storm.

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# Fury, forgiveness at condemned South Carolina church gunman's sentencing

As they spoke, several family members asked Roof to look at them. He did not.

White supremacist Dylann Roof, condemned to death for a mass shooting at a Charleston, South Carolina, church, heard forgiveness and fury at his sentencing hearing on Wednesday from grieving loved ones of the nine slain black parishioners.

Some victims' family members called the 22-year-old Roof evil and deserving of the death penalty for the June 17, 2015, attack at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest African-American congregation in the American South.

*"I want your soul to burn in hell."*

Gayle Jackson, a niece of victim Susie Jackson

"I want your soul to burn in hell," said Gayle Jackson, a niece of 87-year-old victim Susie Jackson.

Others said their Christian faith required them to forgive. They echoed comments at Roof's first court appearance after the shooting, where several victims' relatives shocked the country with their merciful tone toward the suspect.

"I wanted to hate you, God, I wanted to hate you, but my faith told me no," Bethane Middleton Brown, sister of victim DePayne Middleton Doctor, 49, said on Wednesday.

People enter the federal courthouse building prior to arraignment hearings for Dylann Roof July 31, 2015, in Charleston, South Carolina. GETTY IMAGES

A jury of nine whites and three blacks last month found Roof guilty of 33 federal charges, including hate crimes and obstruction of religion resulting in death. On Tuesday, the jurors recommended he be put to death.

Wednesday's sentencing by U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel was a formality after the jury's unanimous verdict. Roof, who also faces a death sentence if convicted of state murder charges, is unlikely to be executed anytime soon due to a lengthy appeals process.

*"I wish they could enact another law to cut off a limb each time you go up to appeal."*

Tyrone Sanders, whose son, Tywanza Sanders, 26, died in the shooting

"I wish they could enact another law to cut off a limb each time you go up to appeal," said Tyrone Sanders, whose son, Tywanza Sanders, 26, died in the shooting.

Also killed were Clementa Pinckney, 41, the church's pastor and a state senator; Sharonda Coleman Singleton, 45; Cynthia Hurd, 54; Ethel Lance, 70; Myra Thompson, 59; and Daniel Simmons Sr., 74.

Roof, representing himself during the penalty phase, presented no evidence and did not argue that his life be spared.

Felicia Sanders, 59, witnessed the death of her son and fellow churchgoers gathered to study Scripture. Holding her bloodstained Bible, she told Roof she no longer felt comfortable closing her eyes to pray after he opened fire during a benediction.

"You're in my head every day," she said. "Yes, I forgave you. That was the easiest thing I had to do. But you can't help someone who won't help themselves."

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# Mexico says to seek broad negotiating strategy with Trump

Mexico's government said it would throw its relationship with the United States wide open when it sits down for talks with the incoming U.S. administration, putting security, migration and trade on the table in search of a deal.

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump has threatened to tear up a trade agreement that underpins Mexico's economic model if he cannot renegotiate its terms in his favor, battering the peso currency and fuelling uncertainty over foreign investment.

However, President Enrique Pena Nieto said Mexico would take a broad approach to the talks, seeking a deal that would benefit both Mexico and its neighbor as his government attempted to head off the risk of an economic shock from the Trump presidency.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto GETTY IMAGES

"All the issues that define our bilateral relationship are on the table, including security, migration and trade," Pena Nieto said in a speech to a group of diplomats.

Reuters reported last month that Mexico's government aimed to use security and migration to gain leverage over the United States in its talks with Trump, and could offer to reinforce its borders to get a better deal on trade.

Last week Mexico named former finance minister Luis Videgaray to be its new foreign minister, giving him a crucial role in discussions with the new U.S. government.

In a news conference on Wednesday the New York real estate magnate said he would soon begin talks with Mexico on building a border wall to keep out illegal immigrants and would make Mexico reimburse the United States for construction costs. Trump also promised a major border tax on companies that moved jobs outside the United States, giving the example of firms relocating plants to Mexico. REUTERS

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# Wall Street ends choppy session higher, health lags on Trump comments

U.S. stocks ended higher after a choppy day on Wednesday as energy and technology gains countered a drop in health care stocks after President-elect Donald Trump said pharmaceutical companies were "getting away with murder" by charging high prices.

The Nasdaq ended the day with another record closing high after falling as much as 0.5 percent after Trump's first formal news conference since the Nov. 8 election.

The S&P 500 healthcare index .SPXHC ended the session down 1 percent after falling as much as 1.9 percent earlier in the day and the Nasdaq biotechnology index. NBI sank 2.96 percent, ending a six-day winning streak for both indexes.

"When somebody that high profile says

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York City

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something that negative, people do not want to invest in it. They view the sector as uninvestible, and withdraw their money," Brad Loncar, manager of the Loncar Cancer Immunotherapy ETF.

However, the sector's pain eased as the session wore on as money managers noted that Trump gave no new specific details on his health care proposals, according to Michael Scanlon, portfolio manager at Manulife Asset Management in Boston.

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the opening bell in New York, U.S., January 9, 2017. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson - RTX2Y5P9

He cited the beginning of fourth-quarter earnings season on Friday and Trump's inauguration as President on Jan. 20 as reasons for investor caution.

"Portfolio managers have every reason in the world to sit on their hands," said Scanlon. "You put those two factors together and I don't think you're going to see much movement in the market until maybe we get some fireworks on Friday with earnings."

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# Selena Gomez hooks up with the Weeknd

Fresh off a social-media detox (and some much-needed time in rehab), Selena Gomez returned to the public eye with a few Instagram posts and a heavily documented makeout session with Bella Hadid's ex-beau, the Weeknd. The "Starboy" singer and the reigning queen of Instagram were photographed getting cuddly and kissing outside a Santa Monica restaurant. Us Weekly reports the unofficially official new-couple alert occurred after the pair indulged in a three-hour-long back-room dinner at Giorgio Baldi. The magazine cites an unnamed source who says they look "really in love," which sounds, like, really true.

In case you forgot, Bella's fellow genetically superior sister Gigi is an active member of Taylor Swift's gal pal squad, alongside Gomez, making this clear grounds for beef. The "Kill 'Em With Kindness" singer's new hookup comes just days after her Instagram Live confessional, in which she noshed on Mexican food and dissed "pointless dinners" and emotionally empty "friends." Guess we know who won't be invited next year's Fourth of July Instagram bonanza.

# Kirsten Dunst and Jesse Plemons are engaged

Fans of "Fargo" on FX will be excited to hear the news: Jesse Plemons and Kirsten Dunst, who play onscreen couple Ed and Peggy Blumquist in Season 2, are now engaged, Page Six reports.

The two were outed as a couple back in May, when paparazzi revealed them locking lips in L.A. The makeout sesh was not long after Dunst had parted ways with her "On the Road" co-star Garrett Hedlund.

Those who don't watch FX's Midwestern noir (seriously, change that now) may recall Plemons from "Friday Night Lights," where he played Matt "QB 1" Saracen's lovable, nerdy sidekick Landry. He also had a brief turn on Season 5 of "Breaking Bad" as Todd Alquist, a dirtbag meth cook for Walter White. Congrats to the betrothed!

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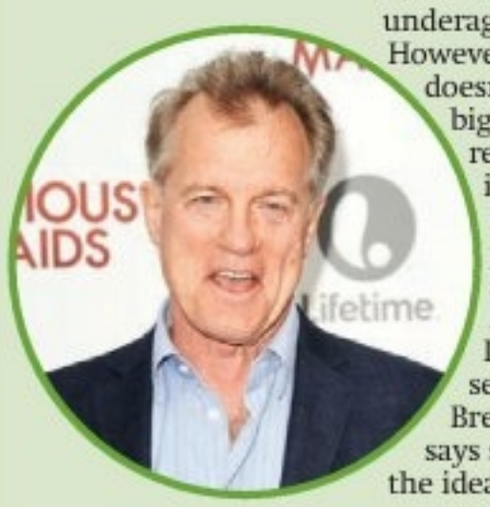
# the word

# Yes, Joseph Fiennes playing Michael Jackson is a real thing

Remember about a year ago when news broke that Joseph Fiennes was going to play '80s Michael Jackson? You probably don't; a lot has happened since. Back then, the internet righteously raised its collective fist in anger. Then, as the internet often does, it completely forgot about it. Well, the trailer for the latest episode of "Urban Myths," a star-studded British series relating made-up true stories, went live, bearing with it the sight of Fiennes as the King of Pop. And the internet went apoplectic again. There's a lot to unpack here: Not only is it a lily-white thespian playing a very pale black icon, but he looks like he's wearing a Michael Myers mask, or the featureless one Tom Cruise dons after his face gets mucked up in "Vanilla Sky." The episode's director, Ben Palmer, has since been forced to defend his casting to The Guardian, railing against charges of "whitewashing" by saying, "We were really looking for the performance that could unlock the spirit, and we really think Joe Fiennes has done that." We guess, but that's what they all say when white cis actors are cast as black, brown, trans, etc. characters. And maybe if he didn't sound like Eric Cartman, that might be all we were talking about.

# '7th Heaven' creator cool with Stephen Collins rejoining cast



Remember when "7th Heaven" father/"father"-turned-disgraced actor Stephen Collins confessed to molesting underaged girls? Us too! However, it apparently doesn't seem to be as big of a deal as we remember back in the day — at least not in a professional setting.

According to Life & Style, series creator Brenda Hampton says she's stoked on the idea of a reunion of the religious-ish show. And if she does one, you can bet Collins would be there!

"I would include him," she told the pub. "I think all the actors would like to do a reunion show. It would be really fun!" Despite being "very, very shocked" by Collins' indiscretions/criminal behavior, Hampton said she wouldn't write him out all.

Perhaps she can follow Catherine Hicks' suggestion and write him in — as a corpse.

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# Speak up, like Meryl did

Meryl Streep delivered a Trump-heavy speech while accepting the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement at the 2017 Golden Globes. GETTY IMAGES

**JENNA BUSCH**

*Geek Girl in Hollywood*

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, legion of leia (legionofleia.com)

A lot has been written about Meryl Streep's Golden Globes speech. She called out Donald Trump on a lot of things, though she never mentioned him by name. She chastised him for mocking a disabled reporter, something he keeps denying despite the evidence. (Really, it's like he thinks these things just disappear from the internet.)

Some have criticized her speech for lauding Hollywood while saying that sports are not an art form. "Hollywood is crawling with outsiders and foreigners," she said. "And if you kick 'em all out, you'll have nothing to watch but football and mixed martial arts, which are not the arts." For the record, I disagree. As someone who does not have an iota of talent in the sports world, I am in awe of the work.

That said, I'm going to defend her speech. I'll defend anyone's speech at an awards show, whether or not I agree. I do agree with most of what she said. I know Hollywood has a lot of rich people. I know it's been said a number of times that she was speaking to a room full of millionaires. Yeah, she was. She was also speaking to everyone who was watching the show.

Here's the thing: If you have a platform and you believe strongly in something, you say it. Her message got out there, enough that Trump had to petulantly defend himself on Twitter. (Though to be fair, it doesn't take much for him to lash out. Again, the evidence is there.)

There are two things I want to say about Hollywood. First, there are a lot of us in L.A. who aren't millionaires. There are a lot of us here who live paycheck to paycheck. Hollywood is not just actors who make a ton of money. There are grips, makeup artists, reporters who cover it, etc., who make very little. I rarely, if ever, discussed politics before this election. Now I can't keep silent. I have a much smaller platform, of course, and I've certainly never won an Oscar, but I have to call out the things I see. I'm watching friends on social media who have never discussed politics do the same.

The second thing is, Hollywood has a lot of problems. Its lack of racial and gender diversity, its inability to pay women and men the same salary — these are all huge issues. The #OscarsSoWhite and #AskHerMore campaigns didn't come out of a vacuum. Its issues, however, do not preclude someone like Streep, despite her money and how different her life is from ours, from making a speech about something she's passionate about. None of us should remain silent. None of us really can anymore.

It's time to speak up. People spewing hate and racist, sexist and homophobic crap aren't keeping themselves silent. Speak up, no matter where you are, what you do or how much money you make. Speak up whether you've won an Oscar or a trophy for your fifth-grade soccer team. Call out hatred everywhere, in a group, on TV or in a room with one other person. Meryl Streep spoke from her heart. So can you. So can we all.

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# Elle Fanning goes back in time (twice)

The actress talks doing history in both "Live by Night" and "20th Century Women."

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Elle Fanning heads into the past twice this winter. In Ben Affleck's gangster movie, "Live by Night," she heads to the 1920s to play a young Florida woman whose trip to Hollywood leads to a heroin addiction, not fame; once home, she finally makes her name as a popular evangelist. In "20th Century Women," from "Beginners" director Mike Mills, the actress jumps back to 1979, playing a less impressionable character who simply shacks up in a Santa Barbara house with a group of strong-willed women (including Annette Bening and Greta Gerwig), plus some progressive dudes (Billy Crudup and Lucas Jade Zumann).

Fanning, 18, talks about her fear of public speaking, learning about history and which song Mills "assigned" her for "20th Century Women."

Elle Fanning plays an aspiring actress-turned-evangelist in Ben Affleck's 1920s-set gangster movie "Live by Night," which opens Jan. 13.
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**Both here and in "20th Century Women" you got to do deep dives in the past. What kinds of things did you learn about the 1920s?**

It was a great time for women, in a way. The corsets came off and they cut their hair and they became a little rebellious. The Roaring '20s seemed like a fun time. Ben was very authentic about recreating it. The underwear, the socks — everything was from the 1920s. They were delicate and musky-smelling. Even the makeup was period. You really felt like you were in that period. Films aren't made like this anymore, so beautiful and epic feeling. This felt like an old

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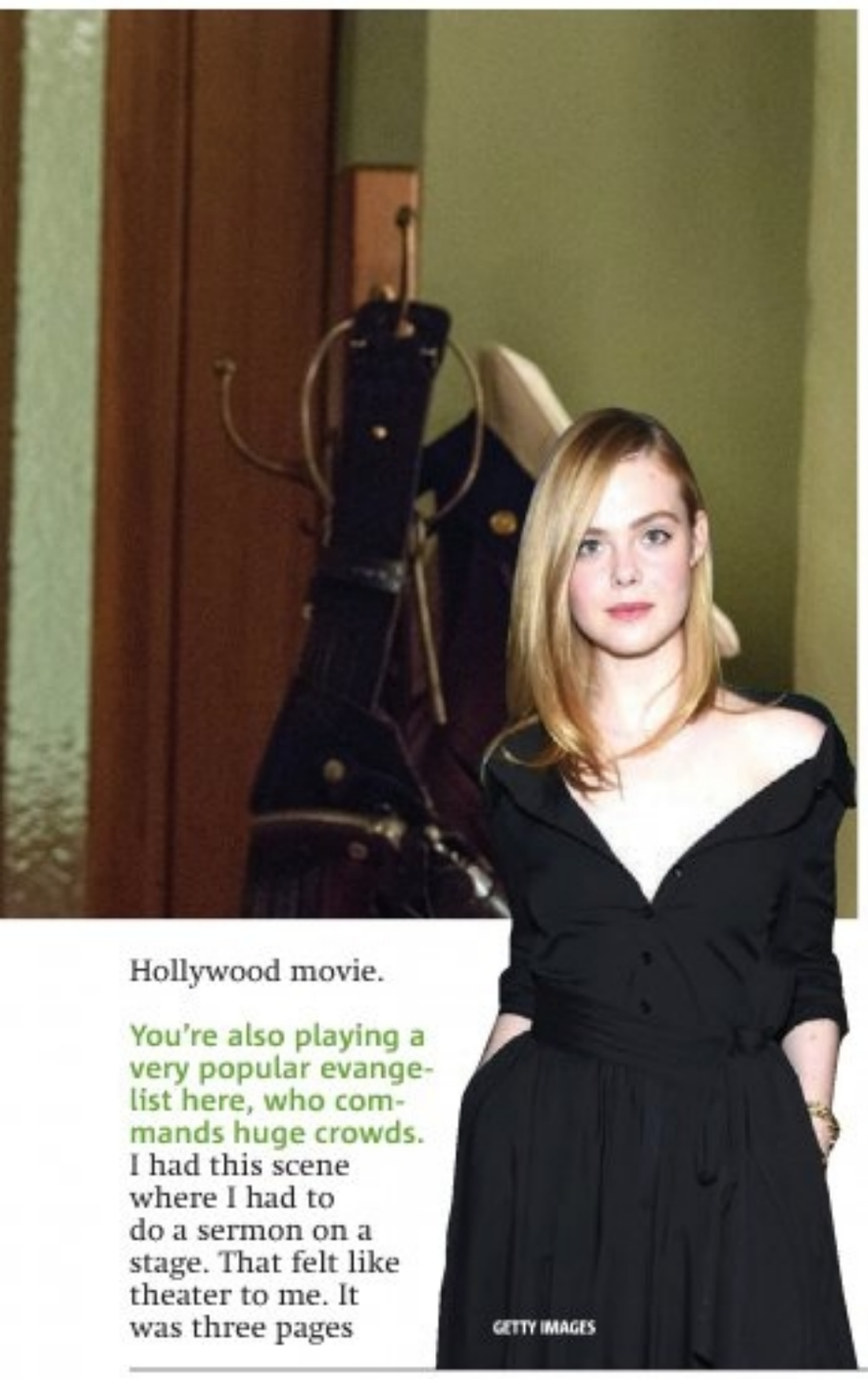

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Hollywood movie.

**You're also playing a very popular evangelist here, who commands huge crowds.**
I had this scene where I had to do a sermon on a stage. That felt like theater to me. It was three pages of dialogue, and I was scared out of my mind. [Laughs] It was just me up there in front of a bunch of extras in a tent. It felt like I was really performing.

**Are you generally afraid of public speaking?**
I am. I get butterflies before and this adrenaline rush. But normally I'm like, "OK, Elle, you just have to suck it up and do it!" Somehow I just don't think about it because I'm out there and I just have to go for it. But I get nervous.

**Do you think you could one day do theater? Some actors, like Amanda Seyfried, have said they're scared of live performances, although even she did an off-Broadway show a while back.**
I would love to. I really would. I'd like to try everything.

## On "20th Century Women"

**I did want to ask about "20th Century Women," since it's also a period piece. It's set in 1979, which is for one thing a really cool time for music: punk, new wave, etc.**
We had dance parties before we did the table reads. We all got assigned a song. My song was "Rhiannon" by Fleetwood Mac. Julie [her character] wasn't so into the punk scene, so she wouldn't listen to the songs Abby [played by Greta Gerwig] would. But I do remember on set Mike Mills would play songs on his phone in between setups. He has such great taste in everything.

**He's also the rare male director who really seems to get women.**
He's such a sensitive guy. He just understands people so well. That's why his characters are three-dimensional. He understands that women aren't just one way or this way. They're very complex. [Laughs] I think he captured that at all different ages and stages in life.

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# Why Mark Wahlberg almost didn't do 'Patriots Day'

Mark Wahlberg (between Kevin Bacon and John Goodman) plays a sergeant who aids in the aftermath of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing in "Patriots Day," in theaters Friday. KAREN BALLARD

The actor wanted to make sure his movie on the Boston Marathon bombing got it right.

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Mark Wahlberg wasn't sure he wanted to be in "Patriots Day." When he first heard about the film, about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the search for the Tsarnaev brothers, the actor had some concerns.

"There were some things that weren't that positive in the local press," Wahlberg tells us. For one, there was a lot of talk about it being too soon. Some were worried it wouldn't be respectful enough.

"I didn't know if the community shared those same sentiments," Wahlberg recalls. "I was able to go home and talk to people and let them know what our intentions were. Once we were able to communicate that, they were extremely supportive. It was one of those things where people wanted to make sure we got it right and hold me accountable."

GETTY IMAGES

"Patriots Day," which reunites Wahlberg with his "Lone Survivor" and "Deepwater Horizon" director Peter Berg, follows Wahlberg's Tommy Saunders — a police sergeant, who unlike everyone else onscreen, is a composite character — as he helps in the aftermath of the attack on his city's people. It's not the only film coming out about the tragedy; "Stronger," a more somber affair in which Jake Gyllenhaal plays a survivor who lost his legs, arrives out later this year. That there were so many films about something that happened in Wahlberg's hometown — at one point a third was being discussed — was part of why he signed on.

"I felt like if they were going to make them, I needed to be involved, because I know how to handle it and make sure it's done in a respectful and sensitive way. The wrong person can come in there and it could be something they would want to exploit it," Wahlberg explains. "Being from Boston, I saw how people responded, from all walks of life — how everyone came together and ran towards the problem."

To him, the film is less about the tragedy than about the hope and unity that took over in the wake of the incident. Still, Wahlberg feels "Patriots Day" isn't strictly a Boston story.

"This is something that's happening all over the world," he says, rattling off places like Nice and San Bernardino and Newtown that have suffered attacks or massacres. "We want to give a message of love and hope and strength and resiliency. Despite these cowardly acts of terrorism, we're going to come together."

## Back home

"Patriots Day" also brings the Boston native back to his hometown, which has happened a lot, thanks to Boston-set movies like "The Departed" and the "Ted" movies.

"I was just there. I took my sons to a football game," he says. "I try to get back as often as possible. But it's hard, because I live in L.A., my kids go to school there. But I try to get there at least twice a year. It's nice that work has brought me back quite often."

As for that accent, Wahlberg says it's not hard to bring it back when he's in town.

"It comes back quick. You can turn that right on," he explains. "But it's hard to turn it off."

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**"OCEAN'S TWELVE"** *NETFLIX INSTANT*

Here's an unpopular opinion: The best film trilogy of the 2000s wasn't "The Lord of the Rings." It was Steven Soderbergh's star-studded heist trifecta. Here's another: The finest of those was the silly middle entry — the one that was clearly a paid European vacation for celebrities who didn't need them, where you can tell everyone involved was more interested in goofing around than telling a story. Thing is, no one has ever goofed around quite like this.

Soderbergh has rarely been more formally playful, the cast never loopier. And yet buried in all the loud colors and weirdo ad-libbing lies Catherine Zeta-Jones' finest screen work. As a dogged Interpol agent, she's steely, vulnerable, thrilling. Or maybe it's just that her hair looks better in a bob than as a flowing mane.

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things to do

# Pancakes & Booze comes to Philly

Art meets carbs meets alcohol — what's not to love?

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This Saturday, feed your belly and your hunger for art at Pancakes & Booze — a traveling art show that features visual artists, photographers, live music and, of course, all-you-can-eat pancakes and an open bar. This year's Philly show will feature over 75 local artists.

Pancakes & Booze was founded seven years ago by Tom Kirlin, a former cameraman from Los Angeles.

"I was getting burned out from the grind so I opened a small film/video studio. For fun, I began curating art shows in the space on off days and just incorporated the pancakes and booze idea. People really responded to it," he says. "Who doesn't like pancakes, booze and art?"

The show currently takes place in 35 cities around the world, highlighting artists within each local community.

The curator for this year's Philly show, Derek Keel, says his favorite part about Pancakes & Booze is the diversity of the art. "From body painting and sculpting to 2-D and 3-D art — there's something for everybody's taste at this show," he notes.

One of its participants is Krissy Whiski — a contemporary pop surrealist artist currently living in Amish Country. "I rent from the Amish in Gap [Pennsylvania] and visit Philly all the time," she says. "It gives me the freedom to pursue my artwork without the cost."

Using mostly acrylics, she sometimes throws glitter into the mix and draws inspiration from pop culture as well as her own family.

"I like to use my imagination and tap into fantasy realms. 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Alice in Wonderland' are huge influences. Also my kids. I have a 3-year-old and a 9-year-old. Sometimes their ideas inspire my work," she reveals.

And what will Krissy Whiski be showing at Pancakes & Booze?

"I'll be displaying some surreal pieces I've come up with. 'Ice Cream Babies' is a series I'm doing right now — baby heads on ice cream cones. Then I have 'Baby T. Rexes' and 'Don't Care Bears.'"

(The "Don't Care Bears" are a definite must for any sad office cubicle needing some color.)

Finally, how about the pancakes?

Pancakes & Booze comes to Underground Arts this Saturday. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Krissy Whiski will be displaying her "Don't Care Bears" and doing live painting.

Turns out, there's a full-on pancake bar with all sorts of fixins for attendees like strawberries, blueberries, bananas and chocolate chips.

Both Keel and Whiski recommend doing the blueberry and banana combo — but don't worry, you can totally wait in line for seconds.

Contemporary pop surrealist artist Krissy Whiski

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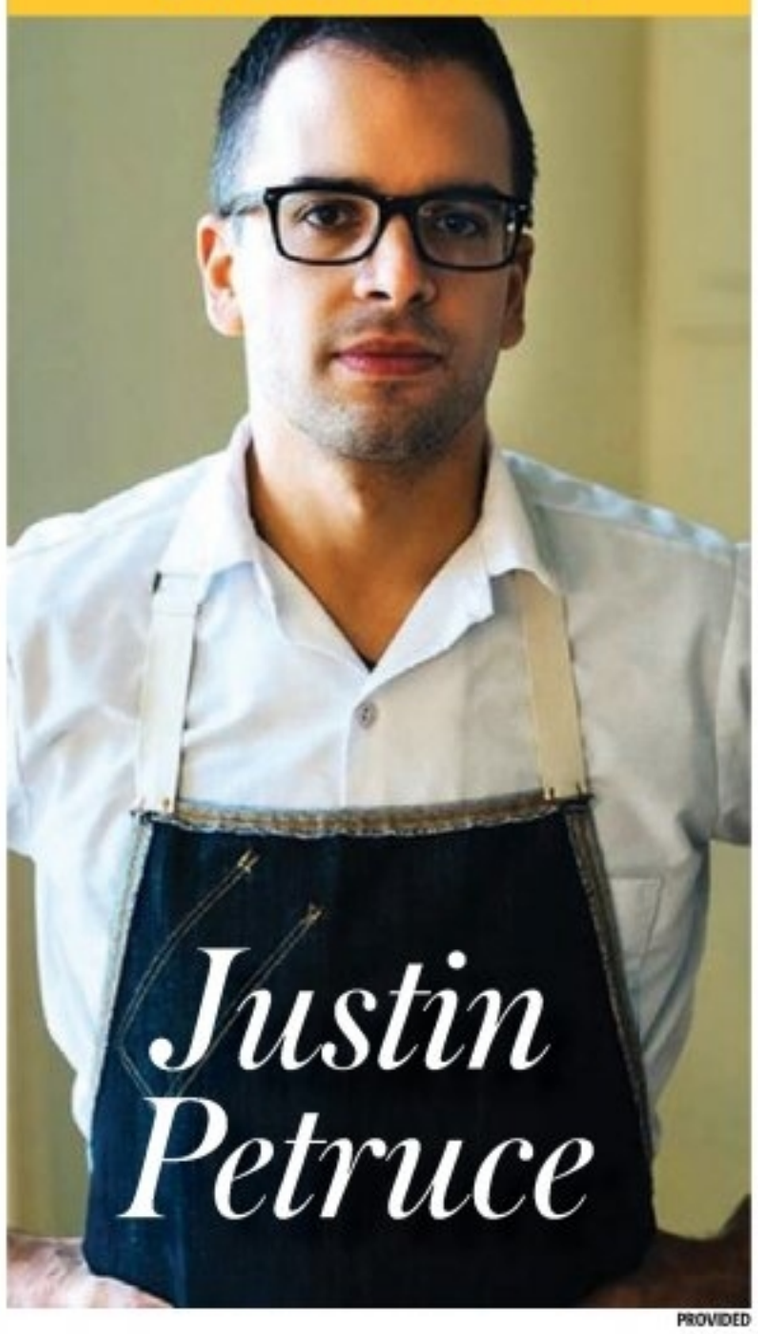

# Justin Petruce

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The man behind Bar Bombon's new menu likes his restaurants loud and his food on point.

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Chef Justin Petruce has been living in Philadelphia for the past 10 years, but his first restaurant gig was down in North Carolina making pizza. While he first got into the service industry just for the sake of a job, over time, he fell in love with the energy and camaraderie of it. Today, Petruce serves as Culinary Director for Marquis & Co., a family of restaurants that comprises Bar Bombon, Charlie was a sinner and HipCityVeg. He dishes on where to get the best yogurt panna cotta and where we goes for the most "handsome" pizza in Philly.

### Best late-night meal

Ken's Seafood (1004 Race St.). It's open until around 4 a.m. and their food is best eaten after a long day, so you order way too much. I love the Chinese Broccoli in XO sauce.

### Best meal under $10

Hip City Veg (127 S. 18th St.). The black bean dressing in the Udon Noodle Salad is amazing and I didn't even come up with it!

### Best hidden foodie gem

Little Fish (746 S. 6th St.). It's kind of hidden, but definitely a classic. The menu changes so often, but you really can't go wrong with anything.

### Best place to dine alone

Bar Bombón (133 S. 18th St.). The bar here is really inviting and the new menu is full of great snacks. Try the Maitake mushroom huarache.

### Go-to date spot, hands down

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (261 S. 21st St.). It's hard to get a night out without my son. But if we get that opportunity this place is phenomenal. Try the cocktails and yogurt panna cotta.

### Best place to catch up with friends

Pub and Kitchen (1946 Lombard St.) because it's loud and Eli's food is always on point.

### Most Instagrammable restaurant

Pizzeria Beddia (115 E. Girard Ave.). The pizzas are almost as handsome as Joe, the owner, and the food is pretty good too. Any of the four pizzas are a good choice.

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**Jan. 12, 8 p.m.**
**MilkBoy Philly, 1100 Chestnut St.**
**$10, milkboyphilly.com**

FRIDAY THE 13TH

## Zombie Skate at Dilworth Park

What better way to celebrate the first Friday the 13th of the year than ice skating with a bunch of zombies in the shadow of City Hall? Creatures from Eastern State Penitentiary's annual haunted prison will be zooming around the Dilworth Park ice rink throughout the night, but guests are encouraged to come dressed in zombie garb, too. Show up brain-hungry. Zombie-inspired treats will be served at Dilworth's Rothman Cabin.
**Jan. 13, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.**
**Dilworth Park**
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## Philly Loves Bowie

The nine-day festival of all things David Bowie continues through Saturday. Check out phillylovesbowie.com for a list of the Starman-honoring events, including a performance by drag queen Martha Graham Cracker, a spoken-word event at the Free Library and a screening of cult favorite "Labyrinth" at Jet Wine Bar.
**Jan. 12-14**
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ART WITH A POINT

## Collective Action Silent Auction

More than 100 local artists specializing in a variety of mediums have donated works for this silent auction that benefits 10 local and national organizations that have pledged to fight President-elect Donald Trump and his policies over the next four years. Beneficiaries include Planned Parenthood, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Mazzoni Center, the NAACP and more. Artwork runs the gamut from paintings and sculpture to handcrafted home goods.
**Jan. 14, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.**
**990 Spring Garden St.**
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## Writers Resist

Pop by the National Museum of American Jewish History Sunday afternoon to hear live readings from some of Philly's most revered scribes, folks like former Philadelphia Poet Laureate Frank Sherlock, Cynthia Oka and Nathaniel Popkin. The writers are gathering there for Writers Resist: Louder Together for Free Expression, a global literary protest seeking to salvage our right to equality, free speech and the fundamentals of democracy.
**Jan. 15, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.**
**National Museum of American Jewish History**
**101 S. Independence Mall East**
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**writersresist.org**

## Hidden History Exposed

Local photographers Jason Giordano and Tracy Buchholz officially debut their joint exhibition "Hidden History Exposed" Friday night in the Gayborhood. Over the past year, the pair have amassed a collection of stunning photos depicting abandoned edifices throughout the Greater Philadelphia region — everything from long-shuttered factories to schoolhouses and resorts. Proceeds from all prints sold benefit Philly's only LGBT community center, William Way.
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**MUSIC**

## Flat Mary Road

Five-piece indie outfit Five Mary Road host a release party for their latest full-length, "Driving With Numen." The group claims to be influenced by indie rock bands of the '80s — before indie rock was cool — with touches of Appalachian folk. Their set will be complemented by opening acts Lizdelise and Cavepeople.
**Jan. 13, 7:30-11 p.m.**
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**Jan. 14, 9 a.m.**
**Penn Museum, 3260 South St.**
**$55, penn.museum**

DARI SUTTON

# Feel the hygge

Like the idea of a rustic vacay in nature? Skip roughing it for these luxe log cabin hotels.

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## The Ranch at Rock Creek

Spread over 6,600 acres of wilderness in southwestern Montana, the vibe at The Ranch at Rock Creek is lavishly rustic with an emphasis on the outdoors. Guests can choose from a stay in a restored log cabin or glamp it up in a canvas tent. There's also a spa and party barn on site. Activities include fly fishing, horseback riding, clay shooting and geocaching.

**Insider tip:** The nearby Rock Creek drainage has been an active sapphire mine since 1892, and in the past the sapphires were used in Swiss watches.

## El Capitan Canyon

Known as a pioneer of "glamping," El Capitan Canyon is tucked among groves of sycamore and oak trees in Santa Barbara. The resort offers a mix of safari tents, upscale cedar cabins and adventure yurts. The cabins offer front porches and A-line roofs, and interiors are decked out with all comforts, including full bathrooms and kitchenettes.

**Insider tip:** Don't miss the trout sculptures on the property's Larry Callahan Bridge, which symbolize the fish ladders the hotel has helped build to allow safe passage of steelhead trout back to El Capitan Canyon Creek.

## Dunton Hot Springs

The antique miner's cottages at Dunton Hot Springs in Colorado look historically accurate from the outside, but the interiors are anything but rustic. This entire resort is crafted from a restored 1800s ghost town. Some of the cabins have outdoors showers to make the most of the mountain views, and there are hot springs on site. Meals are served up in an old saloon, and there's also a dance hall.

**Insider tip:** While most people don't associate Colorado with wine, Dunton has a sister property called Sutcliffe Vineyards, located about an hour and a half away.

## Nick's Cove

Located along Highway 1 on the coast of California's Tomales Bay, Nick's Cove has 12 nautical-themed cottages and a restaurant. The cabins blend seafaring touches with lush amenities, such as wood-burning stoves and claw foot tubs. At night guests can dig into homemade s'mores kits, which include handmade graham crackers and marshmallows along with local TCHO chocolate.

**Insider tip:** Guests of Nick's Cove receive complimentary barbecued oysters when they arrive.

## Winvian Farm

For an eccentric take on log cabin decor, head to Winvian in Connecticut. The property is spread over 113 acres and has 18 wildly different cottages, each with a unique theme. Three of the cabins riff on log cabin decor. Woodlands Cottage is crafted from rough-cut pine and peeled tree trunks, and in Beaver Lodge a dome of intertwining sticks crowns the bed and trees reach the ceiling.

## The Ranch at Emerald Valley

Guests looking for a more rustic option at the famed Broadmoor resort can opt to stay at The Ranch at Emerald Valley in Colorado Springs, located just a few miles away in the 100,000-acre Pike National Forest. Take your pick from the 10 rustic log cabins, which offer one to three bedrooms, as well as fireplaces and every modern amenity. The main lodge offers a patio fire pit for morning "Cowboy Coffee" and evening storytelling. For a taste of the outdoors, guests can spend their time horseback riding, fly fishing, hiking or canoeing.

**Insider tip:** Book a spa treatment inside the spa tent, which is located right next to a waterfall.

Brush Creek Ranch PROVIDED

## Steamboat Bay Fishing Club

Located on Alaska's Noyes Island, near Ketchikan, the Steamboat Bay Fishing Club offers two log cabin-inspired places to stay: The Lodge and The Residence, which was completed in February 2015. The Lodge was hand crafted by local artisans, who used native timbers and reclaimed material from the seafood cannery that used to be on site. Both properties feature Native American artwork and Great Rooms with a large wood-burning fireplace.

**Insider tip:** Look out for the humpback whale that likes to hang out in the bay just in front of The Lodge and The Residence.

## The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch

This luxury dude ranch is spread over 30,000 acres in Wyoming, with plenty of choices in accommodation. The cabins range from new builds to renovated historic ones, and interiors are rustic but luxurious, with sitting rooms and glass showers. Some have potbelly stoves or furnaces. Family style feasts are served up in the Lodge Great Room, and activities include horseback riding, fly fishing and clay pigeon shooting.

**Insider Tip:** To reach the ranch, take the Snowy Range Scenic Byway, which crosses the Medicine Bow Mountains and offers views of the glacial-fed Lake Marie.

## Post Ranch Inn

The Post Ranch Inn at Big Sur is located high above the Pacific Ocean, and the wood and glass design of the cottages is meant to blend in with the surrounding landscape. While accommodation style varies, some are meant to be a modern riff on a traditional log cabin, such as the stand-alone Tree Houses, which are built on stilts 9 feet above the forest floor. The Mountain House has a circular design inspired by nearby redwood trees.

**Insider tip:** Nearby Pfeiffer Beach is known for its purple sand and natural arches, but head to the far north end of the beach, where heart-shape rocks wash up on shore.

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# Embiid, Wentz overachieve way into hearts of Philadelphia fans

How they thrived after being tossed in the deep end.

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Philadelphia really got lucky with Joel Embiid and Carson Wentz (so far at least). GETTY IMAGES

The plan was simple. Let No. 2 overall draft pick Carson Wentz learn how to be an NFL quarterback by watching Sam Bradford.

And across Broad Street for the Sixers, see if Joel Embiid can play healthy and experiment with him off the bench.

Both the Eagles and 76ers saw their plans for their up and coming (hopeful) superstars tossed out the window from Game 1.

And both have exceeded expectations.

"Before the season I thought 'I hadn't played in two years before the season,' I thought I was going to come off the bench and they were going to get me along slowly," Embiid, averaging more than 19 points, seven rebounds and two blocks per game in just 25 minutes per game, told The Ringer's NBA Podcast. "You know especially my offensive game has gotten so much better — I thought I would come in and show some flashes … but it's been great that I had the chance to come in and really show what I could do."

Embiid — after missing two NBA seasons with two foot surgeries — is potentially the Eastern Conference All-Star Team's starting center. And in just over three months has positioned himself as the franchise's cornerstone.

That's what Wentz did too.

After expecing to hold a clipboard for 16 games, the Eagles traded Bradford for a first-round pick 10 days before their regular season opener against the Browns and Wentz led the Eagles to a 7-9 record — and set the NFL's rookie mark for completed passes in a season.

It was trial by fire, and Philadelphia got pretty lucky.

"It's a kids' game that they're paying us way too much to play. It's a beautiful thing," the level-headed, baby-faced Wentz told reporters after the Eagles Week 17 win over Dallas. "I've always loved the game and I'm very fortunate, that's for sure. So you have to have fun with it."

Both have also earned the favor of Philly fans off the field, or court.

Embiid, just this week, thwarted a trolling porn star, tweeted at Donald Trump looking for support for his All-Star campaign and said the 10-25 Sixers were playoff contenders.

And Wentz gave his touchdown ball in the Eagles' final game to another Philly-area star, Mike Trout, days after buying his entire offensive line custom hunting rifles.

Each looks to be fully ensconced in the Philadelphia sports landscape for years to come. And each will likely be fan favorites for long after.

# Cozens could be Phillies' slugger of the future

The first thing you'll notice about Dylan Cozens, if you haven't seen him before, is how huge he is.

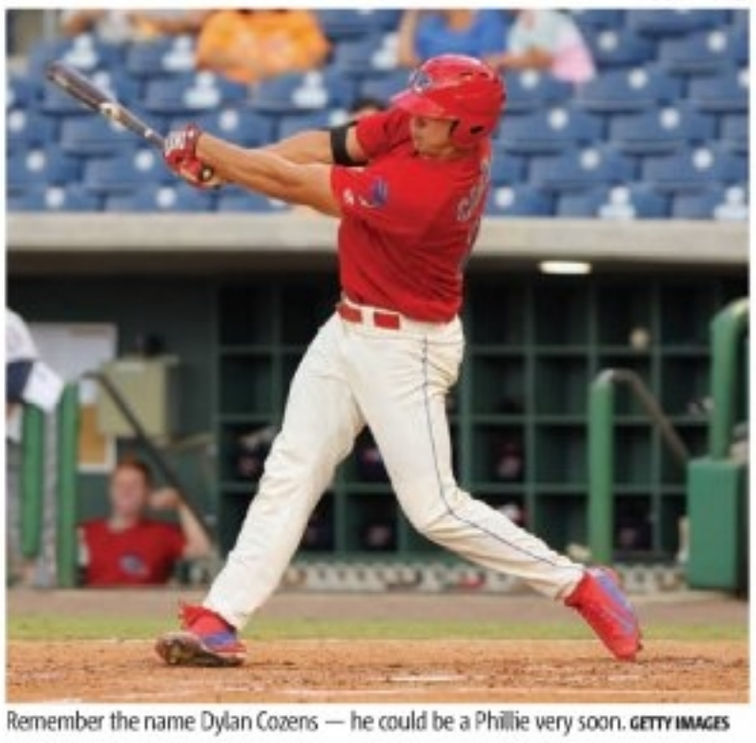
Design a quintessential baseball player, throw him in right field and you've got the Phillies' power-hitting prospect Cozens.

The 22-year-old stands at a broad-shouldered 6-foot-6 and 235 pounds. He took the Reading Fightins' by storm last summer, smashing 40 home runs and 125 RBIs to lead the Eastern League. For Cozens, who is likely to start the season in Triple-A Lehigh Valley, the long ball is nothing new.

"I have always been big," the slugger told reporters at Citizens Bank Park Wednesday as a selection of top prospects visited the city for the first time ahead of spring training. "I guess I have always been strong enough [to hit home runs]."

Cozens and teammate Rhys Hoskins (38 home runs in 2016) game Reading fans a season to remember, but many long-ball hitters have succeeded in Reading only to see their power fade in a larger ballpark (like Darin Ruf). Cozens isn't worried.

"I got to see how cool it is to have a good year like that and I kind of realize now that if I hit 40 home runs every year things will be pretty good," the prospect said with a smile. "It's good motivation and I feel like if I am doing that we are going to win games.



Remember the name Dylan Cozens — he could be a Phillie very soon. GETTY IMAGES

"People talk about the Reading factor, but I think if I am coming here it's the same thing. It's not something I am worried about. It's always nice to be in a hitters park. It looks somewhat like Reading [at Citizens Bank Park], hopefully I can do the same thing."

The Phillies certainly

> *"This is the stage you want to be on as an athlete. People really care."*
>
> Dylan Cozens, on playing baseball — potentially — in Philadelphia sometime soon.

hope so too. The closest any MLB player got to Cozens homer total was Ryan Howard and Maikel Franco — each of whom hit 25 dingers.

Cozens was a second round draft choice in 2012 but developed slowly. His 40 homers in 2016 are two more than he hit in four seasons prior combined. This fact could motivate Phils' front office decision-makers to start him in Triple-A to make sure his revelatory 2016 season was no fluke. But that's OK with Cozens. He knows it's a process.

"Patience is tough," he said. "It's fun playing baseball, being out there and playing on the field, its hard not to have fun. If you're not having fun you are not in the right sport."

Cozens takes a page from Joel Embiid's book and "trusts the process."

"I feel like the Phillies do great job of really knowing when we are really," he said. "I fully trust the process and how they are treating me. They do a good job looking out for the players."

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The Flyers return to home ice Thursday night when they host Vancouver — looking to turn things around in the midst of a dreary stretch of losses. GETTY IMAGES

# Flyers midseason report card: Passing marks for an up-and-down first half

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Metro takes a look at how the Flyers have performed in several facets of hockey thus far.

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The Flyers have experienced highs — a 10-game winning streak — and lows — losers in nine of their last 11 — during what has been a roller coaster first 43 games. It's time to take a quick look back at how each area of the team has performed in the Metro's annual mid-season report card.

**Offense: B-**
The unit ranks in the top 10 in the NHL in goals, which is a reversal of last year, and has fueled some thrilling comebacks. Wayne Simmonds, selected to his first All-Star Game on Tuesday, has a team-high 16 goals and Jacob Voracek is having a strong bounce-back season. Rookie Travis Konecny, just 19, has proven he belongs and the Flyers also lead the league with points from their defensemen. One drawback is the offense disappears for long stretches.

**Defense: B-**
Teetering on the verge of collapse in October, the blue liners have stabilized. Although still a work in progress and prone to breakdowns, they typically provide reliable protection in front of the net and have just enough skill and speed to hang with any team in the league. The addition of 19-year-old rookie Ivan Provorov, who has assumed the role of No. 1 defenseman, has drastically improved the entire unit. With Mark Streit, Michael Del Zotto and Nick Schultz free agents after this season and a glut of rising stars in the minor league system, expect this area of the team to continue to improve.

**Goaltending: B+**
Just like last season, Steve Mason delivered when the team needed him most. After Michal Neuvirth went down with an injury, Mason started 23 of the next 25 games and played some of the best hockey of his career. Neuvirth returned over the weekend and will provide a much-needed break for Mason. Rookie Anthony Stolarz also looked sharp in his two starts — both wins.

**Coaching: A-**
Dave Hakstol picked up from where he left off last season in pointing the team in the right direction. He navigated through an abysmal start from his defense and goalies, has the team playing hard most nights, sent messages to certain players, and thus the team, through healthy scratches and is doing an excellent job developing Provorov and Konecny.

**Front office: B**
Sticking to the long-term plan of rebuilding through the draft, Ron Hextall didn't make headline moves in the offseason. The general manager's one significant free agent signing, Dale Weiss, has been a disappointment. However, Hextall gets credit for his decision to give Provorov and Konecny a chance to play in the NHL. It will be interesting to see if the GM tries to improve the roster, and the team's chances for a playoff berth and run, with some deals at the trade deadline.

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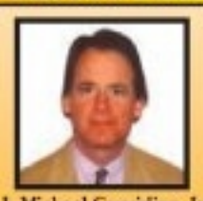

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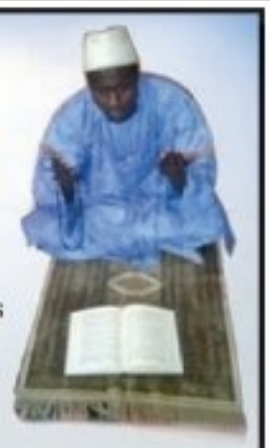

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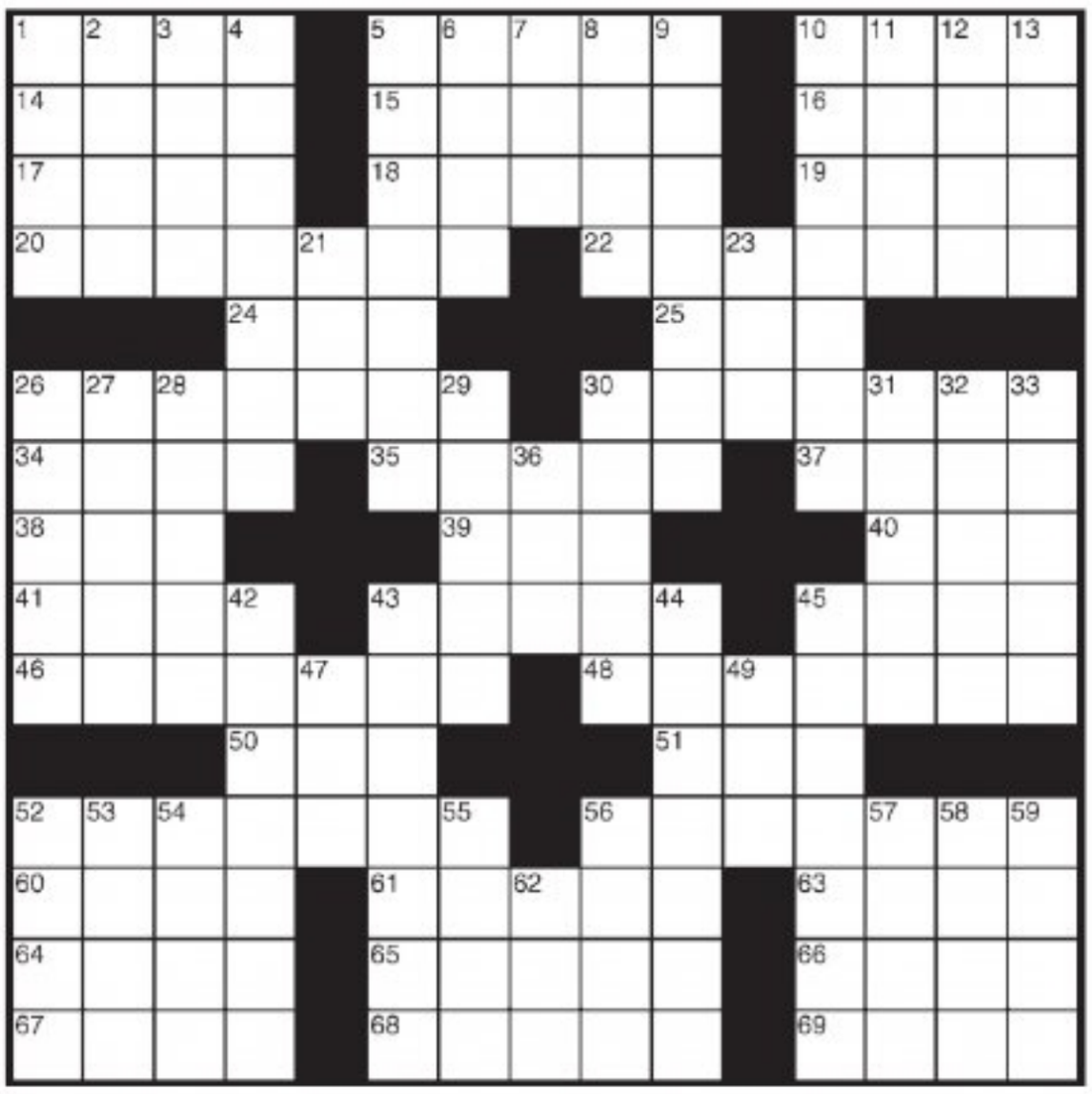

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**Gemini** Involvements with children, temptations and other people's problems will all have to be handled cautiously. Moderation and simplicity will be required.

**Cancer** Shed some light on what you have in mind with regard to professional strategy. Be creative and step outside your comfort zone in order to make a lasting impression.

**Leo** Appeal to those who are heading in the same direction as you. Step into a leadership position. Offer a comprehensive plan that will bring about popular change.

**Virgo** You can only do so much. Size up whatever situation you face and offer solid advice but don't feel the need to take over or you may end up being blamed.

**Libra** Put in the hours and see what you can accomplish. Less talk and more action will help you avoid trouble and controversy that could hinder your efforts and success.

**Scorpio** Use your energy and enthusiasm to do what you feel is worthwhile. Aim to improve your stamina by engaging in fitness activities that will improve your awareness.

**Sagittarius** You'll have difficulty managing your money. Don't let temptation or a get-rich-quick scheme lead to a loss. If you want change, you need to do something.

**Capricorn** Share your thoughts with your professional and personal partners. It's important to align your thoughts or plans to fit everyone's needs before making a decision.

**Aquarius** Keep an open mind, but don't feel you have to donate to a cause or pay for others. Listen and make suggestions, but protect your assets and financial future.

**Pisces** Steer clear of emotional spending, overindulgent people and deals that are too good to be true. Instead, you should pursue an idea that is cost-efficient. EUGENIA LAST

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